

## **CHAPTER 609**

### **WRM 463L PALLETS AND NETS**

#### **A. GENERAL**

Pallets and nets are essential for the mobilization and deployment of active and reserve forces, sustainment of forces, large Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP) operations, and meet the criteria established to be classified as WRM.

#### **B. POSITIONING OF WRM PALLETS AND NETS**

1. Pre-position pallets and nets required for contingency operations with the using or deployable activity. Along with their annual requirements validation package, MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Components must provide the SPM and IM a detailed list of their on-hand WRM assets by geographic location.
2. The IM initially distributes new production and depot-repaired pallets, coordinating this distribution with the MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Component pallet and net monitor before shipping assets.
3. MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Components must not use WRM pallets and nets for routine air cargo operations without prior approval from the IM. Organizations authorized pallets and nets may use WRM assets during Operations Plan (OPLAN) exercises and unit deployments without IM approval. WRM pallets deployed with a unit and remaining in the unit's custody are not subject to one-for-one exchange policies.
4. Organizations without 463L assets must negotiate with their MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component pallet and net monitor to obtain operational assets for emergency deployments, SAAMs, and exercises. MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Components do not include this requirement in their total WRM authorizations.
5. MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Components must coordinate with the IM on inter-MAJCOM/MACOM or inter-DOD Component redistributions. To minimize transportation costs, redistribute assets to the nearest using activity if possible. TO 35D33-2-2-2 contains shipping instructions for pallets, and TO 35D33-2-3-1 for nets. The IM will provide special shipping instructions. Ship assets, whether serviceable or repairable, by the most economical means available.

#### **C. REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION**

Each MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Component must reevaluate WRM pallet and net requirements annually. Base requirements on the most demanding tasking, forecasting sufficient organizational pallets and nets to support the first 90 days of operations. Submit annual revalidations to the IM no later than 30 September each year. Indicate in the annual revalidation letter (Appendix J) computation method and planning document(s) used to determine requirements, and include a statement certifying the submission as the minimum essential quantity needed to accomplish the mission. Tenant organizations will submit WRM requirements to their owning MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component. Should new requirements exceed 10 percent during the fiscal year, request new authorization levels in a letter to WR-ALC/LES for their approval. All Air National Guard (ANG)

and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) units, regardless of location, will report their requirements to HQ ANG/AFRC/LGX via their ANG/AFRC/Wing Logistics Plan Function (LGR).

#### **D. RULES FOR COMPUTING WRM REQUIREMENTS**

1. Organizations will use one or more of the following methods to compute WRM requirements:
  - a. Carefully load plan cargo (less rolling stock) to arrive at the total number of pallets and nets required (usable area of a pallet is 84 by 104 by 96 inches high).
  - b. If detailed load planning is not possible, divide total weight of cargo (less rolling stock) by 4000 pounds per pallet to determine total pallets required. For ammunition, use 10,000 pounds per pallet for planning factor.
  - c. DLA Sustainment. DLA will calculate WRM pallet and net requirements using the historical monthly usage based on the surge wartime use at the CCPs. Requirements will include 90 days of requirements.
  - d. If an organization is listed in the OPLAN Time Phased Force and Deployment List with a Unit Type Code and is subject to deploy by air with less than one pallet load of cargo (4000 pounds for general cargo or 10,000 pounds for ammunition), consider the organization as a “small organization” (unless otherwise designated by the MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component). If a small organization is deploying through an APOE, AMC will include the small organization’s WRM requirement with their own.
  - e. AMC/Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF). AMC/A43E will calculate WRM CRAF aircraft pallet sub-floor requirements by using the number of CRAF aircraft by type multiplied by the sub-floor pallet spaces per aircraft, e.g., 10 B747 aircraft x 32 pallets per aircraft = 320 pallets.
2. Calculate the number of pallets and nets required for palletization of baggage to support deploying personnel. (This requirement does not apply to small organizations scheduled to deploy through an AMC APOE; for computing baggage pallet and net requirements, a “small organization” is defined as twenty people or less.) MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Components must identify any command-unique computation methods or factors they use to determine these requirements in their supplements to this regulation.
3. AMC will establish WRM pallet and net levels to support non-palletized cargo at APOEs for the first 90 days of a contingency. The APOEs will need these pallets and nets in addition to their operational assets to account for wartime attrition rates and a lack of back-haul opportune airlift. To determine this requirement, AMC will use historical contingency time period data.

#### **E. NEW REQUIREMENTS**

Organizations will not submit requisitions for additional pallets or nets, or report excess serviceable or unserviceable pallets or nets, through supply channels. Organizations must contact their MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component pallet and net monitor to establish new pallet and net requirements or report excess assets.

## **F. ACCOUNTABILITY**

Organizations at home station will account for WRM pallets and nets, which enter or leave their control, using a control log (Appendix I) or other audit trail formats. Hand receipts will be used to account for transfers.

## **G. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Any organization possessing WRM pallets and nets must inventory those assets at least quarterly (January, April, July, and October), or as required by their MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component. They must report findings to their MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component pallet and net monitor. Organization pallet and net managers must account for WRM (both serviceable and repairable) pallets and nets under their control. These include all loaded and empty assets, all assets situated on home-station aircraft, all assets at a repair facility under the reporting station's control, and all assets in port agent's baggage facilities. Do not use this report to establish new requirements.

MAJCOM/MACOM and DOD Component pallet and net monitors will compile the results of the unit inventories into a single quarterly report and submit it to the IM no later than the 20th of January, April, July, and October. Tenant organizations will submit inventory reports to the host logistics plans office (or equivalent). The host logistics plans office (or equivalent) will consolidate tenant inputs and report to the host MAJCOM/MACOM or DOD Component. All ANG/Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) units, despite where they are located, will report their requirements directly to HQ ANG/AFRC/LGX.

## **H. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

Organizations possessing WRM pallets and nets must physically inspect the pallets and nets as required in TO 35D33-2-2-2 which requires WRM pallets and nets to be inspected annually or semi-annually depending on the storage situation. Inspections will focus on the suitability of the storage area and the physical condition of the pallets and nets. Insure pallets are stacked no more than 50 pallets high with three-point dunnage between every 10 pallets. Organizations will remove damaged pallets and nets from storage and repair them or forward them to a depot repair facility. Managers must consider rotating WRM pallets and nets out of storage periodically and replacing them with serviceable pallets and nets from operational or depot overhaul stocks.

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